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For: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM (being amended herein to "IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS HAVING FOCUS CONTROL")
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated August 18, 2004, be extended for one month to December 18, 2004.

A response to the Office Action, dated August 18, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.

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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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